Grants to the Panchayat Raj Institutions.

*Q.—194. Sri G. V. GOWDA (Palya).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Fourth Finance Commission was requested for making suitable award towards the statutory liability of the State Government to provide grants to the Panchayat Raj institutions in the State;

(*b*) if so, the results thereof ?

A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Finance Commission has excluded from its assessment of revenue expenditure, provisions for grants to Panchayat Bodies in Mysore as final orders on these proposals had not been issued at the time it made its recommendation. The Government of India have, however, stated that this liability would be taken into account during the computation of the resources for the IV Plan of the State and its needs for purposes of Central assistance.

Sri G. V. GOWDA. I wish to know whether the Government had placed definite proposals before the Finance Commission for their consideration in this regard and if so, what is the amount that the Government has ascertained for this liability ?

†Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—The Government has definitely placed its request before the Finance Commission but I am afraid, I will not be able to give the exact amount. Land Revenue was proposed to be made over to the Panchayat Bodies, *i. e.*, 85 per cent is to be reimbursed by the Government of India. In addition to that, certain incentive grants were also proposed in the Bill and that was also included in the State's request in the Memorandum.

Sri K. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—What was the amount as to the statutory liability of the Government so far as the local bodies were concerned ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Just now I submitted that I am not able to give the exact figure.

Sri K. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—In the reply it is stated that the Finance Commission has not taken that expenditure into consideration and it would be considered during the computation of the resources for the IV Plan of the State. To that extent, is it not a fact that the State is a loser by the fact that the Government did not take positive steps in that direction ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—What the Finance Commission has stated is this, that the Panchayatraj Bill has not been passed in the Legislature and therefore they could not take it as a definite commitment on the part of the Government. They clearly stated, if it had become

an Act before they submitted their recommendations to the Government of India, they would have certainly included. They have written in enclosure in their Report, making specific reference to this fact. Therefore, Government of India said that even though a recommendation was not made, every year during the IV Plan, this proposal would be taken into consideration while assessing the requirement of the State.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that the Government is already having a statutory liability under the existing Act ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Sir, I would like the Hon'ble Member to appreciate this fact that the Finance Commission assesses only the additional liability during the next five years. The Finance Commissions business is not to help or recommend any financial grant for the existing liability.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now, passed over questions. Q. 73 may be pu y Smt. B. L. Subbamma.

Amount sanctioned to Harijans for House Construction.

*Q.—73. Smt. B. L. SUBBAMMA (Chickmagalur) [on behalf of Smt. G. C. BHAGIRATHAMMA (Tumkur)].—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the amount that has been sanctioned so far to the Harijans for the construction of houses through the Harijan Co-operative Society in Tumkur Taluk ?

*A.—Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Co-operation and Housing).—Nil.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಬಿ. ಎಲ್. ಸುಬ್ಬಮ್ಮ.—ಹರಿಜನ ಸಹಕಾರಸಂಘ ತುಮಕೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾಗಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ವರ್ಷಗಳಾದುವು ? ಇದುವರೆಗೂ ಆ ಸಂಘಕ್ಕೆ ಗ್ರಾಂಟು ಕೊಡದೇ ಇರಲು ಕಾರಣವೇನು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಅದು 1963ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಈಗ 240 ಜನ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. 2,400 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಷೇರು ಬಂಡವಾಳ ಇದೆ. 1965ನೇ ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್‌ವರೆಗೆ ಯಾವ ರಿಕಾರ್ಡನ್ನೂ ಬಿಲ್ಟಪ್ ಮಾಡಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಕೇವಲ 25 ಲೋನ್ ರಿಕಾರ್ಡ್ಸನ್ನು ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್ ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಲ್ಟಪ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಮೂರುವರೆ ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ಎಲ್.ಐ.ಸಿ. ಯಿಂದ ಸಾಲ ಪಡೆದು ಆ ಸಂಘದ ಹರಿಜನ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ವಸತಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಸೌಕರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಕೊಡ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಲಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ.—ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಯಾದಮೇಲೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡಿದಂಥ ಷೇರು ಬಂಡವಾಳವನ್ನು ತಿನ್ನುತ್ತಾ ಇರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಅದು ಅಷ್ಟು ನೇರವಾಗಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಬೈರಪ್ಪಾಜಿ.—ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ನಿಮ್ನ ವರ್ಗದ ಗೃಹ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾಗಿವೆ ? ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಅಂತಹ ಸಂಘಗಳು ಗೃಹ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಪಡೆದಿವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಬೇಕು.